

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 720 - SB 986**

March 12, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Mandates that the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles on second and subsequent DUI offenses occur at the time of conviction, rather than at the time of violation.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue - \$201,000**

**Decrease State Expenditures - Exceeds \$40,200**

**Decrease Local Revenue - \$187,500**

**Decrease Local Expenditures- Exceeds \$37,500**

**Assumptions:**

- The Department of Safety (DOS) reports the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) had 268 DUI seizures in FY13-14 statewide.
- An estimated 250 annual DUI seizures by local government entities statewide.
- Seizing a vehicle upon conviction, rather than at the time of violation, will result in fewer vehicle seizures.
- Seized vehicles are auctioned by the law enforcement agency that seized the vehicle.
- No data could be obtained as to what the conviction rate is for second and subsequent DUI violations. Therefore, it is unknown how many fewer vehicles will be seized under the provisions of this bill. However, assuming a 50 percent reduction in the number of vehicles seized would be equivalent to 134 fewer vehicles being seized each year by the THP and approximately 125 fewer vehicles being seized by local governments.
- Based on information provided by DOS, the average price for a seized vehicle sold is estimated to be \$1,500.
- The recurring decrease in state revenue is estimated to be \$201,000 (134 x \$1,500).
- The recurring decrease in local revenue is estimated to be \$187,500 (125 x \$1,500).
- The cost associated with seizing and storing a vehicle until sold at auction is unknown. However, the total cost is estimated to average at least \$500.
- The recurring decrease in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$40,200 (134 x \$300).
- The recurring decrease in local expenditures is estimated to exceed \$37,500 (125 x \$300).

**CERTIFICATION:**

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The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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